

CTTAB 2004 Minutes

February 10, 2004
Meeting Minutes
City of Seattle, Board Room, 27th Floor
Key Tower, 700 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Board Members Present

Todd Achilles	Excused
Bill Baron	Pwint Htun
Maryann Budlong	Ann Robinson
Michael Daum	
Deborah Gartside	Absent
Damien Koemens	Jason Bennett
Huat Lim	
Manny Ovena	Staff
Richard Salway	Janet Jensen
Nina Sanders	David Keyes
Jeff Techico	Jill Novik
Ken Thompson	Tony Perez
Harriet Wasserman	Bill Schrier, CTO

1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

December minutes were amended to reflect that Harriet Wasserman chaired the meeting in Jeff Techico's absence; the minutes were approved as amended.

David Keyes announced that the Community Technology Network will hold its conference in the Seattle area this year on June 16 and 17. More information is available at ctcnet.org.

2. Remarks from the Chief Technology Officer: Bill Schrier

The City is experiencing a budget crisis because of a recent court decision that the City needs to repay rate payers for the cost of street light maintenance that were included as part of electric rates. It is unclear how this will affect DoIT, but substantial cuts will be made.

Schrier noted that the City will receive \$18.2 million from the Department of Homeland Security to make Seattle more secure and better able to respond to

an emergency. Of that, \$5-6M will be money for such technology projects as wiring fire stations, providing software for the Emergency Operating Center, and establishing links among County, Seattle and State responder organizations.

3. **Committee Reports:** Community Technology: David reported that the survey updating the Information Technology Indicators and refranchising needs assessment is under way and will sample 1000 people. The survey was last undertaken about four years ago and some of the same questions have been included to permit benchmarking. The raw data should be available at the end of February with a draft report in late March. The consultants will probably make a presentation on the survey to CTTAB.

Technology Matching Fund: The 2004 program will award \$85,000, an increase from \$50,000 in 2003. Applications are due March 8 and are limited to \$10,000. The goals for 2004 are access to information technology; technology literacy; e-democracy; and civic engagement. CTTAB will have a big role reviewing the applications and making recommendations and volunteers are needed to have recommendations by the April 8 meeting when CTTAB will vote on them prior to presentation to Council. The committee will meet at 5:00 prior to the next CTTAB meeting.

PSACT will hold a workshop on February 17 at Kawabe House; David will send details to CTTAB.

David reported that Cisco is in discussions to provide equipment to TMF grantees. CTTAB members who work for or with other companies that make donations to community organizations should feel free to solicit them on behalf of the community.

4. **Committee Organization**

Emerging Technology: Pwint Chair, Deborah, Bill, Ken

Community Technology: Sal, Michael, Damien, Harriet, Huat, Manny

Governance: Jeff

Cable Refranchising: Nina, Bill, Todd, Maryann, Manny, Jeff, Ann

Facilitators: Manny, Ken, Huat, Nina, Deborah, Maryann, Ken, Bill

5. **Cable Office Report: Tony** Staff will brief the Mayor's Office at the end of February to determine priorities and get a sense of the general policy framework. If individual CTTAB members are approached by the public about refranchising issues, the best course of action is to refer them to the public meetings and/or the website for the on-line survey. CTTAB agreed to co-sponsor and facilitate a series of public meetings for the needs assessment.

6. **Officer Elections:**

Due to shortage of time, it was agreed to defer elections until the March meeting.

7. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.